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New shelter a result of downtown women's labour

by Sharon Bennett

Several months of outreach and consultation with at-risk women began a year before construction was started.

Adrienne Mercer photo

Twenty women on social assistance were hired on by the project to receive construction skills training. The four-month training program also included lifeskills training and math instruction.

By the time the project finished in April last year, the number of participants had dropped down to 12.

According to project co-ordinator Jannit Rabinovitch, a demanding training program like this one is not for everyone.

"Our expectation was that not everyone was going to be able to make the level of commitment necessary for the program, for a number of reasons.

Some were actively using drugs and alcohol, and not ready to look at their issues, others dropped out because the work was too physically demanding.

Others decided that construction work wasn't something they wanted to do."

The house, a former bed and breakfast, was acquired by the Greater Victoria Womens' Shelter Society with funding from BC 21. The newly trained construction crew tore into the site last April, gutting the house in preparation for the renovations.

An on-site mentoring program was implemented to bring in tradespeople from the community. Most of the tradespeople who worked with the trainees were also women.

Returning to full-time work was tough for many of the trainees, several of whom were still recovering from addictions and abuse.

Demolition of the house's interior proved to be physically exhausting, and Tuey said it was a struggle some days just to get up off the floor and go to work.

Near the midpoint of the construction, the ability to cope with these battles ran out for one participant. On June 10, the crew lost one of their members to a drug overdose.

Her name was Sandy Merriman, and her struggle is emblematic of the problems facing some of the women at the shelter.

Despite this tragic loss, the remaining 11 participants were able to continue their work and complete the shelter by early December.

They voted unanimously to name the shelter after their lost friend and co-worker.

The next phase of the downtown Women's Project is a long-term housing site to be built at Westburne Place, just off Burnside Road.

Rabinovitch said they are still negotiating the lease with the city, and will be putting together an advisory council of low-income women to sit down with the architect and come up with the best possible design.

They hope to have a written contract to begin the project next month.❑

The Shelter needs volunteers for the drop-in center and for yard work. Anyone interested should call Sandy Merriman House at 480-1408.

Street women in Victoria were given an early Christmas present last month when the first emergency shelter for homeless women opened its doors.

The Sandy Merriman House began taking in women on December 22, and there has been steady demand ever since.

Located at 809 Burdett, the fifteen-bed shelter provides hot meals, warm beds, and a sympathetic ear to women who otherwise might end up sleeping on the street.

Intended as a 24-hour emergency service, Sandy Merriman House is presently only open between 7 pm and 11 am, due to a lack of funding.

The onsite drop-in and resource centre is also not ready, due to lack of resources.

Karen Tuey, a support worker at the shelter, says the service is crucial, even at 16 hours a day. She says it's just a start in giving homeless women the power to get control of their lives.

"Once we get the funding to open the resource centre, and to stay open 24 hours, we can start holding peer-support, self-esteem and job-readiness groups", Tuey said.

"If you're not all right in here," she said, tapping her chest, "it's not going to work."

Tuey is well acquainted with the problems facing the clients at the shelter. Two years ago her life was out of control as she struggled with drug and alcohol dependency.

Tuey's intimate connection with the new shelter goes beyond her sympathetic counselling and support for visitors. She was part of the all female construction crew that built it as an integral part of the project.

The shelter is the fruition of the first phase of the Downtown Women's Project, a community development project funded through the Ministries of Social Services and Skills, Training and Labour.

The project is geared toward not only providing services for women, but also helping them design and create the services that can best meet their needs.

Vertigo opening held up by missing liquor license

by Adam Turner

Students who want to get into Vertigo and party are going to have to wait a little while longer.

The liquor license for the Student Union Building's new nightclub has not been approved by the Saanich Municipality. Vertigo won't be opening as a regular nightclub until the license is approved.

The previously scheduled Barney Bentall concert is still a go, though. Set for January 12 and 13 at Vertigo, the concert will have a special events license as a temporary measure.

The license was passed by Saanich Council as a last minute addition to the agenda on Monday night.

John Fitterer, Beverage Services Division Manager for the Students' Society expects to have the license for Vertigo "sometime in February." Right now the license is before the Liquor Control and Licensing Board awaiting approval. Fitterer attended the liquor board meeting Tuesday morning and said that "it is not a problem as far as I'm concerned. It is just a delay."

Theresa Sabourin, UVSS director of services, agreed. At the January 8 Board of Directors meeting, she reported the liquor license applications "are still being finalized."

The Students' Society was hoping to have Vertigo fully open for SUB night tonight.

Fitterer is disappointed about the delay but described it as a "process that takes time." It is a project he has spent a lot of time on since taking the job October 16. The licensing process was started before Fitterer started with the Students' Society. Ross McKinnon, UVSS Administrative Coordinator, was away sick this week and unavailable for comment.

The UVSS is seeking a full Cabaret license for the nightclub, as opposed to a pub license like Felicita's pub. It will be the only Cabaret class license in the Saanich Municipality.

Felicita's staff schedule was reworked to coincide with Vertigo's opening, but a last-minute rescheduling had to happen this week.

Jobs for students hired specifically to work at Vertigo are also on hold until the license comes through.

Fitterer said about six to eight staff positions have been affected by the delay, including the UVSS's first female security person.

Regular band bookings have also been put off until March.❑

Environmentalists condemn preservation proposal

by Samer Muscati, Ottawa Bureau Chief

OTTAWA (CUP) — A legislative proposal to preserve biodiversity in Canada is more concerned with politics than endangered species, say environmentalist groups.

Canada was the first industrialized country to sign the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity in 1992, which commits 164 countries to pass legislation that will protect endangered species.

Three years after signing, the federal government has produced only a legislative proposal, which environment groups call inadequate and lacking. If the proposal passes in its current form, the federal government would in effect transfer many of its responsibilities to the provinces.

"This legislation is worse than not having any legislation at all," said Tzeporah Berman, national forestry campaigner for Greenpeace.

"They've proposed legislation because they want to look green to the international community and they want to convince voters that they are protecting species – but they're not," she said.

While Ottawa has jurisdiction over migratory wildlife, the legislation applies only to species on federal land, like parks and sanctuaries. Currently, federal land covers only four per cent of Canada's total land base.

The Canadian Coalition for Biodiversity insists that the law should apply to all 244 species at risk, not just those under federal jurisdiction.

"They want to convince voters that they are protecting species – but they're not."

Cendrine Huemer, coordinator for the coalition, said that animals don't recognize these artificial political borders and that the most endangered species will end up unprotected.

"The federal government doesn't want to step on the provincial governments' toes," said Huemer. "There's no point in having legislation without teeth and without enforcement."

Currently, only the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick have any legislation to protect endangered species.

Environmentalists also state that the proposed federal legislation does not mandate the protection of habitat. Habitat loss is the leading cause of species decline and is the main threat for approximately 80 per cent of Canada's endangered species.

Francesca Binda, campaign director for the Canadian Endangered Species Coalition, says that to effectively protect endangered species, legislation must protect the habitat that they need to survive.

The coalition states there is a very simple formula for protecting endangered species: identify species at risk, don't kill them, and give them a home.

However, the federal government seems to be following an entirely different formula.

David Brackett, director general of the Canadian Wildlife Service (a division of Environment Canada) is satisfied with the proposal. He said it will set an effective national infrastructure to protect biodiversity.

Brackett said the federal government is in the process of public consultations, and that parts of the act may be modified to reflect various concerns.

Berman said she expects the act to be brought to the House of Commons in February 1996. In the meantime, Greenpeace and various other groups and coalitions will try to educate the public and lobby the government on changing the legislation.

Ironically, just last month Montreal beat out Geneva, Madrid and Nairobi to be the permanent home for a new United Nations Biodiversity Secretariat.

In Canada, the number of identified species at risk have tripled in the past 10 years. Scientists estimate that, worldwide, two to three species become extinct every hour. ❑

Resistance radio hits airwaves

by Adrienne Mercer

True to the spirit of alternative media, CFUV FM broadcast a weekend of 'resistance radio' January 6 and 7.

World of Aboriginal Radio, a CFUV weekly program, organized the two days of programming to raise awareness about issues affecting local native communities.

"I hope we've reached people. I hope we've reached their hearts, and that they've heard ours as well," said Chenee, host of the World of Aboriginal Radio show and one of the coordinators of the event.

Chenee said organizers originally wanted the broadcast to air from December 25-28, to commemorate the massacre at Wounded Knee, but didn't want to interfere with regular holiday programming. "We didn't think it would be fair," she said.

World of Aboriginal Radio did a Wounded Knee show on December 25.

The weekend programming was eclectic, including segments on environmental racism, native history and holistic medicine. There were also on-air discussions and spoken word intervals, interspersed with a variety of both traditional and modern music.

Chenee was in the CFUV studios for most of the weekend.

"I needed to do this because I wanted to make people aware of what is happening in our territory," she said. "I don't think many Canadians realize what the government is doing. Our resources are not for sale. You can't sell something that doesn't belong to you, and that's what Canada is doing."

CFUV Program Director Keith Powell said the programming had "a really positive response," and would like to thank all of the listeners who phoned in and "really took things seriously."

Powell said the station will continue to work to include this type of programming.

Chenee hopes last weekend's programming will help foster links between local native and non-native communities.

"We've had a lot of phone calls from a lot of different people, and that's exactly what we wanted," she said. "We were hoping for more native listeners, and also for our community of music and information to be shared by CFUV listeners."

"We are calling as well to non-native people to say if we all work together we can do great things," she said. "An Ojibway man said two nations would join together and a great nation would rise. In Canada, with our rich tapestry of people, this is possible."❑

BoD to strike with CFS

by Adam Turner

Director of Services Theresa Sabourin chaired the first meeting of the semester for the Students' Society on January 8. UVSS Chairperson Tina Walker had not yet returned from holidays.

The board passed a motion that "the Students' Society support and participate in the February 7, 1996, Canadian Federation of Students National Day of Action." The motion passed without debate with directors Jepp and Rao abstaining.

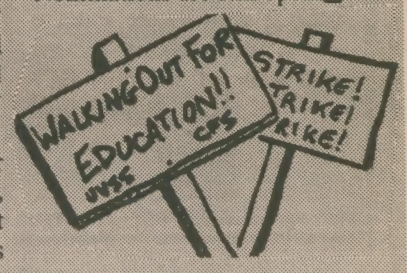
The day of action is intended to build upon the January 25, 1995, student strike organized by the CFS. It is to protest federal government cuts to social programs mandated by last years' federal budget.

In her written report, Director of Academics Ana Torres, described how the UVSS Student and Social issues committee is working on the protest locally.

In January there will be an education campaign, followed by information picket lines on Feb. 6. Students will be encouraged to "walk-out for education" and attend a rally on the Legislature lawn at 12:30 on February 7.

The UVSS is working with Camosun College, the Coalition of High School Students against Cuts, and labour groups for the protest.

The Board also decided to send a four-person delegation to the BC component of the Canadian Federation of Students meeting in Parksville from Jan. 18 to 21. Nominations are still open.❑



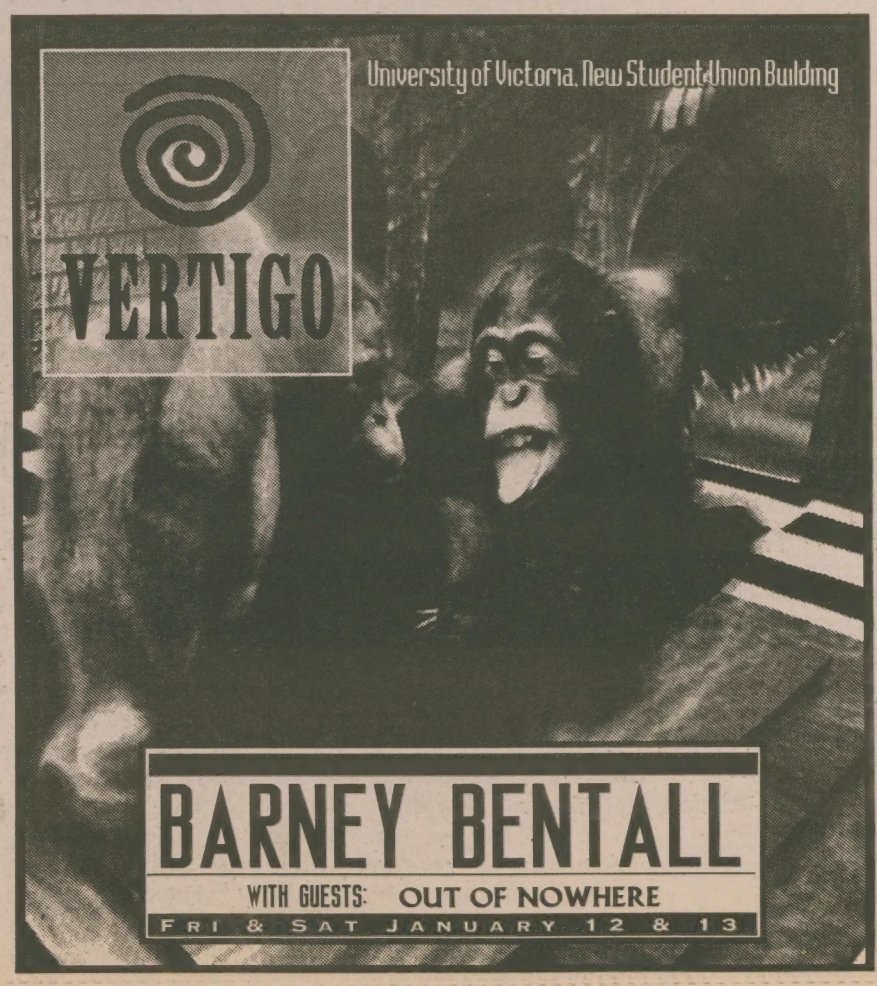
Hey Students!
This is YOUR opportunity to change the Students' Society Constitution, By-Laws, or Policy!

The University of Victoria Students' Society Board of Directors is serving Notice of Motion for Special Resolutions for the Semi-Annual General Meeting (February 15, 1996). Bylaw 4, Section 6b of the Society's Constitution states:

> The Board of Directors shall include on the agenda any Special Resolutions that are:
> i. referred by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors, or
> ii. presented to it accompanied by a petition duly signed by not less than one percent (1%) of the membership of the Students' Society

As well, any member can present a motion to the Board of Directors for its consideration for notice. The General Meeting is the level at which most constitutional and policy changes are made and motions effecting these changes are called Special Resolution. If you have any questions (or motions, or petitions), please contact Tina Walker (UVSS Chairperson) Naomi Johnson (UVSS Resource Coordinator) in the Resource Centre, beside Cinecenta in the SUB. You can also call them at 721-8370 or 721-8366.

The deadline for submission of Special Resolution for Notice of Motion to the February 15, 1996 Semi-Annual General Meeting is 12:00 PM (noon),Monday January, 22, 1996.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International student wins appeal for non-credit course

by Adam Turner

UVic student Kevin Kee's challenge of a UVic international-student fee paid off – to the sum of $906.

When Kee, a student from Malaysia, looked at his fee statement he was "stunned by the cost" of his English 099 course.

Robert Worth, director of financial services, described English 099 as a non-credit "catch-up course" required for students who are not able to pass their English placement test. This policy applies all students.

Worth explained that because it is not a credit course it is offered on a "fee-recovery" basis; Canadian students pay double the normal fee for the course.

Kee, a second-year commerce student, was charged the usual triple fee that applies to all international students, on top of the double fee applied to recover costs. The additional fee is meant to make visa students almost self-financing for the university.

Kee enlisted the help of University Ombudsperson Kathleen Beattie when he decided that the fee was "just too ridiculous."

Kee credits Beattie's persistence in helping to navigate the university administration. She told him about the Fee Reduction Appeal Committee, a University body with student representation that hears student appeals.

In a September 30 letter to the University Fee Reduction Appeals Committee, Kee argued, "It just does not make any sense to charge an extra $906 for what is already a self-financed course."

In an October 10 response, Worth doubted the self-financing aspect of the double fee but agreed that there was a "valid argument that the $1,359 is covering more than a self-financing recovery level."

The committee heard Kee's appeal and, Worth said, "did a costing on the thing" to determine if international students were paying too much. The fee difference was found to be "just an error." The international-student fee was at more than just a cost-recovery level. Worth summed up by saying, "six times is not fair."

International students can't usually work part-time and don't have access to a loan system similar to the Canadian one.

Kee was overjoyed with the University's decision. "If the argument is valid, [the Appeal Committee] will take it," he said

Kee said there are certain disparities between international students in what an affordable fees is. Students from more affluent places can afford the differential fees, but for students like Kee, it is much more of a burden.

Kee's response to the issue of differential fees was something all students can relate to. "The problem is when you study you don't make any money," Kee said.

Unlike Canadian students, international students can't usually work part-time and don't have access to a loans system similar to the Canadian one.

Students shouldn't be too quick to check their fee units, though. Worth said that as far as English 099 and regular courses go it would be "erroneous to compare the two."

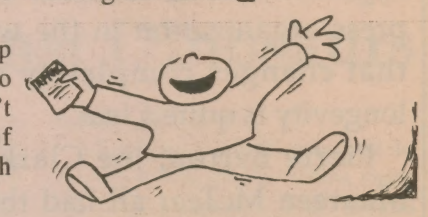
He describes the make-up courses as being much "closer to basic teaching" and so they don't have the same "cost of development and research incurred" as other courses.

On average, tuition covers only 22 per cent of the general operating expenses of offering a course.

Kee describes the business program as "really good" and English 099 as being "a lot of work" but valuable. His only concern is the cost of his studies in Canada, which he describes as "a little bit too much."

"What international students pay is what Canadian students would pay with no government support," he said.

Worth said this decision will affect roughly 25 to 30 international students at UVic. Most students enrolled in English 099 have landed immigrant status.❑



Students leery of amalgamation

from *The Dalhousie Gazette*

HALIFAX (CUP) — Students in Halifax are concerned about a proposal to rationalize administrative services for the city's seven universities.

The plan, which was presented to Education Minister John MacEachern last month, calls for the Metro Halifax Universities Consortium to save $17 million over the next four years by centralizing some administrative services, and reducing academic staff.

Nova Scotia universities are expecting a $46.3 million cut in government funding over the next three years.

The proposal suggests the universities could save money by rationalizing some programs and courses, easing movement between schools, and amalgamating student services.

The consortium estimates savings of $5 million through staff cuts coming from early retirements and attrition.

Students will only have to complete 50 per cent of their required courses at their home institution to qualify for a degree from that school.

Joe Strolz, student council president at Mount St. Vincent University, is concerned that students will be taking courses at different universities out of necessity, not by choice.

"The best thing I can say about this proposal is that it is the best of a series of horrible alternatives," said Strolz.

Strolz is concerned that students will have no say in the way the universities enact the proposal.

He said that with students taking courses at several different campuses, details like transportation will play an important role in whether or not amalgamation works.

"The cornerstone of this whole proposal is, how are you going to get students from point A to point B," he said, adding that the universities' proposal doesn't adequately discuss the issue.

"I'm an advocate of a complete merger, and that's what Dal's original position was."

Geoff Wilson of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia agrees.

"There is only one line in the report about transportation. There is no dollar figure attached to say how much enhanced transportation will cost, they haven't indicated who will run the service," he said

"This is a big concern to students who don't live in the downtown core."

Strolz is also concerned that students will have to put up with longer line-ups and more hassles if they all have to register for courses at the same location.

David Cox, student council president at Dalhousie University doesn't think the amalgamation goes far enough. He thinks the universities should have followed an earlier proposal by Dalhousie president Tom Traves to completely amalgamate the seven institutions into one school.

"I'm an advocate of a complete merger, and that's what Dal's original position was. I think that true savings come when you eliminate all the presidents (except one), when you eliminate all the VP academics, when you eliminate all the faculty department heads, all the chairs," said Cox.

"I wholeheartedly believe that this consortium will either lead to two things. Because it's not binding it might fall apart, or it's the first step towards a merger. And if it's the first step towards a merger then we could be accomplishing those [increased] savings now."

Under the consortium proposal, each university will retain its own Board of Governors and Senate, but the consortium will be run by an executive board consisting of the seven university presidents and three to five members of the community.

Strolz says that the university presidents are opposed to allowing any student representatives on the executive board.❑

Late breaking news

by YOU

Student leaders are amazed that *the Martlet*, UVic's student newspaper since 1948, continues to publish despite the relocation of its offices to a tiny, wind-battered hut near the tennis courts.

"Every day, I see them!" commented one angry foe of the publication. "Tons of them. *Martlet*eers slogging through the mud to their teeny little shack. They're like ants in an open sugarbowl ...they can't stay away from that place."

What is it about *the Martlet* that has drawn so many clean-cut, upstanding UVic students into a life of joyful debauchery? People like; *Monday Magazine* editor James McKinnon, Canadian author Pierre Berton, *Ms. Magazine* contributor Alisa Smith, CBC Radio producer Ellen Saenger, and of course, Lorne Priestley (father of Jason and second ever editor of this fabulous rag).

Come and see for yourself. Slog through the mud and join us in L-Hut, Room 55. We're not actually in the hut, we're in a shed attached to the back of it. Walk between the huts and the tennis courts and you can't miss it. Watch for our trusty mascots, Fargo-chan, Pesto, Sylvie, and Diner-chan.

If you have trouble finding us, give us a call at 721-8360.

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EDITORIAL

Okay, we're going to blow our own horn here. *The Martlet* just finished hosting the 58th annual conference of the Canadian University Press.

What?

You have probably never heard of CUP unless you read the small print at the bottom of our staff box each week. It's a fact, when you are busy informing students about everyone else sometimes you forget to talk about yourself.

Canadian University Press is the oldest student organization in Canada, and the oldest student press organization in the world. As a community that changes completely every five years, that longevity is quite a feat.

Pierre Berton, Joe Clark, Joe Schlesinger and Maureen McTeer all had their start in CUP. More recent CUP alumni include Naomi Klein, former editor of *THIS Magazine*, Doug Saunders, editorial writer with *the Globe and Mail*; Karla Hilton, associate producer with CBC Winnipeg, Angie Gallop, writer with *the Toronto Star*, and James McKinnon, editor of Victoria's *Monday Magazine*.

Unfortunately, CUP has suffered the same malaise most students across Canada are feeling, as we watch governments hack away at post-secondary education. It was part of the circle of sheep bleating about the bad wolves on the outside.

So the best thing about hosting this conference was seeing students from across Canada energized by the speakers and workshops at the conference. In Victoria we have some of the coolest journalists in the country.

Author and activist Joyce Nelson gave the keynote address on the topic of Preservation. Although her speech gave a bleak view of the present and the alternative media's lack of action in regards to it, it also probably planted the seed of motivation in the minds of many people who could prove to be the influential journalists in the near future.

William Thomas, the only journalist behind the barricades at Gustafsen Lake, talked about writing for alternative media and what makes us different. He's been writing since the 60s and has lived through a lot of shit, enough to make cutbacks seem less horrible. And there was more.

Seminars were held by local and national writers, editors and others who have made their mark in Canadian print media. These proved to be both insightful and helpful in the expansion of skills that will improve the quality of the member papers of CUP as a whole now and for years to come.

Views and opinions were shared by writers and staff members from papers as far away as the farthest reaches of Canada. Cross-country friendships were formed that prove that the media really has made our world a smaller place.

In the end, amidst all the strife and disorganization, all the bonding and merriment, (the highs and lows, if you will) that were CUP 58, a lot was accomplished and we hope you'll notice this when you read *the Martlet*.

Editorial topics are decided by staff at editorial meetings, every Monday at 4pm in the Martlet, *L Hut, rm.. 55. Editorials are written by one or more staff members; opinions are not necessarily those of all staff.*

The *Martlet* has an open letters policy and will undertake to print every letter received from members of the university community, with priority to undergraduate students. Letters must be **TYPEWRITTEN** (you can use *Martlet* computers), submitted on disk, or e-mailed, and include your name and phone number for verification. **LETTERS MUST BE 200 WORDS MAXIMUM.** Letters will be reviewed for libel at the *Martlet* editorial meeting, 4 p.m. on the week of publication. Deadline is Monday noon. Letters will be prioritized in the order received. Only one submission from the same person will be printed per week. Letters with pseudonyms or group names will not be printed. Letters will not be edited for spelling or grammar. Announcements will be directed to billboards. Letters can be mailed to Box 3035, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., V8W 3P3, dropped off at L Hut, rm. 55 , (by the tennis courts). or e-mailed to martlet@sol.uvic.ca.

Walking safe on campus

Editors:

The center page article in the November 23 issue of the Martlet asks if Canadian Universities take women's safety seriously. I teach Women's Self Protection at the McKinnon gym for UVic using a course developed by Urban Defense Technology Inc. During this semester I graduated 24 women out of an estimated population of 7,500 women of 0.0032 %. Next semester UVic is doubling the number of courses I will teach. They have stated that they will find the time and space to accommodate all women who want to learn to protect themselves. Currently this means 72 women will be taught this year by Urban Defense Technology to protect themselves using our Injurious course. This will equate to 0.0096% of the female population at UVic taking the initiative to become a part of the solution.

UDT is running the best Women's Self Protection course available, no exceptions! Through the co-operative efforts of The University of Victoria and UDT this course is available at less than 50% of its retail value. The campus is well lit and the Safe-Walk program is excellent. In my opinion, the Safe-Walk, well lit campus and the availability of UDT courses makes UVic a very safe campus for women if they take the initiative for themselves.

Robert Pfuetzenreuter
Operations Manager
UDT

Grinch rides a bike

Editors:

Attention cyclists! Beware; thieves do not recognize the yuletide season of peace and good will. A lock alone may not protect your bike. My locked bike was stolen, even with the seat removed! This happened Friday night (Dec. 1) between 11:30pm and 1:05am outside Cinecenta, when my $1200 burgundy bike with shocks was stolen.

If anyone was around then and noticed anything suspicious, or if you know of anyone trying to sell such a bike or quality components at "bargain" prices, please help a down-on-his-luck undergrad and contact me at 472-6200 or at tomkagi@uvaix.uvic.ca.

To the remorseless thief with the wire cutters, enjoy your new toy. Like me, I hope you depend on it several times every single day. If not, for sake of maintaining your dignity, please show some of that old-fashioned Christmas spirit and return it to Traffic and Security.

To the public, please avoid encouraging crime by buying "hot" goods of any nature. This raises the odds of even your belongings being stolen. Ask questions before buying that unbelievably priced item. In the long run, everyone is a victim of crime.

Tom Kagi

Receive hate mail! Write for *the Martlet.*

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The Martlet

Quote of the week:
"Don't come knockin' for me jesus, unless you're delivering pizzas."
- Bradley MacInnis

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on the spot

by Sharon Bennett and Andrew Lupton

Question: Who do you think should be the next leader of the provincial NDP party?

"Mr. Dressup. I think he'd do a better job at managing the finances."

• Paul Nanton, Environmental Studies and Geography, 3rd year

"No one . I'm kind of an anarchist actually. But Svend Robinson, if anyone. Despite the fact that he's not in the provincial party...I think he's really admirable and he stands for things that I really believe in."

• Carolyn T. Schneider, Sociology, 4th year

"Bono. I think he knows where it's at as far as love goes."

• Josh Boyd, Creative Writing, 2nd year

Student Voice

On Dec. 8, 95 the LGBA requested security for a dance that they decided to hold in the multi-purpose lounge. At no time was gender discussed. When our security attendant arrived from Sidney to work the five-hour shift he was told that his services would not be required and that the LGBA had taken it upon themselves to hire a female Traffic and Security person.

That is discrimination!

I have worked for the UVSS as bookkeeper for the better part of 15 years and have dealt with this club, sometimes with men, sometimes with women. My understanding is that this club is for men and women.

We also have a Women's Centre in this building, but it has become a club for only a select group of women. I have made it a point as I know other women have, to only enter the Women's Centre when I have business to do and then I get the hell out fast, and yet some of these women have found themselves in the position of needing accounting services, but have never been made to feel ignored or dealt with in a discriminatory way.

So men and women of UVic do not feel alone, but oh how it saddens me to see this segregation happening in the Student Union Building, which should by rights be the one building on this campus where all of the students should feel welcome.

I have been so excited about the fact that with the expansion we would again be able to have meeting space for all clubs, course unions and other campus groups to meet in the Student Union Building and make it the complete society it was in the years gone by, before a select few decided this building was for them only.

What the hell has gone so wrong that there is such apathy that the students will not fight for a Student Union Building that is the star of North American campuses.

I guess this is just a microcosm of what has happened to our country because we in our apathy as Canadians have allowed a "select few" to lead us.

Kenzie Bigham

Bookkeeper employed by all UVic students

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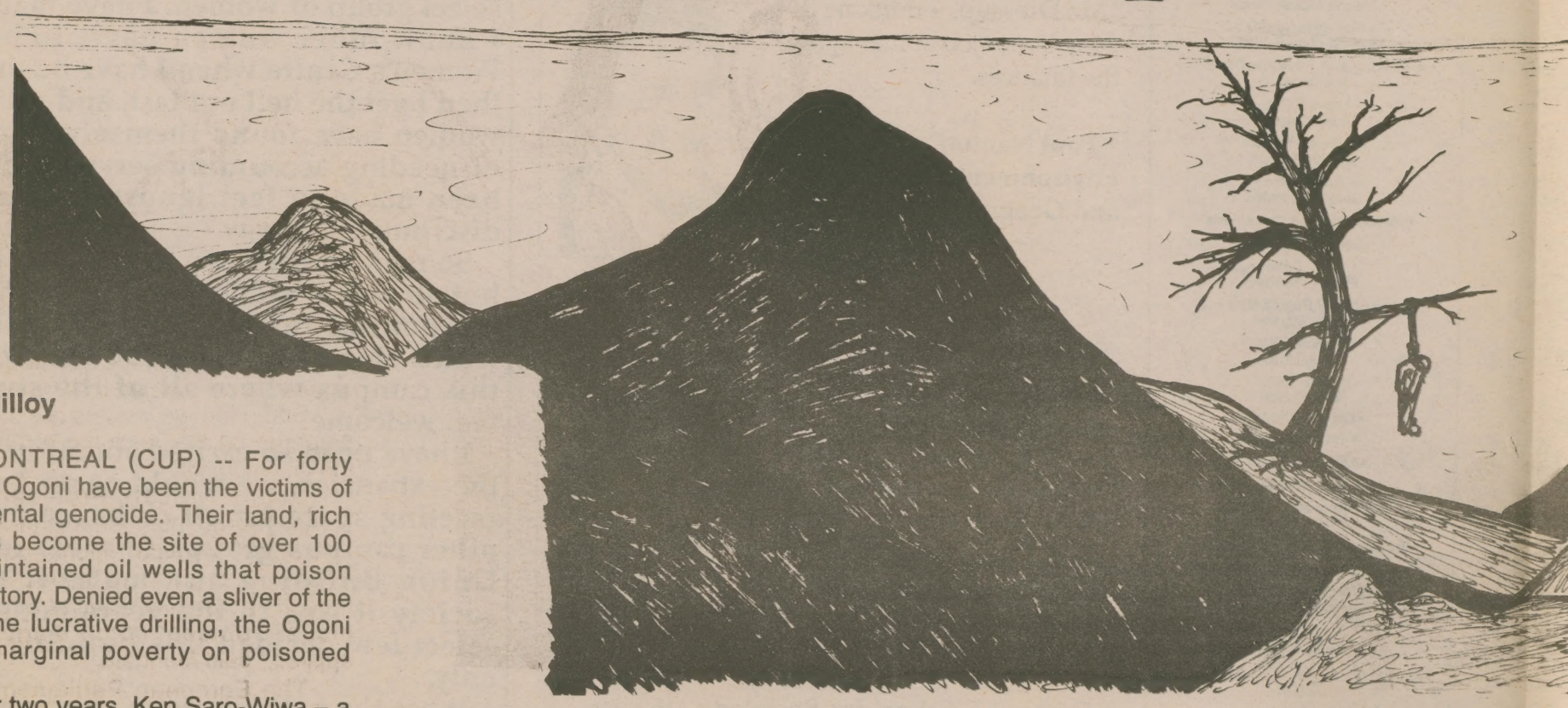

by M-J Milloy

MONTREAL (CUP) -- For forty years, the Ogoni have been the victims of environmental genocide. Their land, rich in oil, has become the site of over 100 badly maintained oil wells that poison Ogoni territory. Denied even a sliver of the fruits of the lucrative drilling, the Ogoni dwell in marginal poverty on poisoned ground.

For two years, Ken Saro-Wiwa – a Nobel Prize nominee and the author of more than a dozen plays and novels – spearheaded the drive of the Ogoni people for self-determination as the head of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (Mosop).

But just after dawn on November 10, 1995, Ken Saro-Wiwa was led to the gallows in the prison yard of a small jail. Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni leaders were hanged, their bodies taken down, thrown in the back of a garbage truck, and buried under tight security in unmarked graves. Their families were barred from the cemetery.

Saro-Wiwa assumed the leadership of Mosop in 1993, the same year the United Nations Year of Indigenous People was launched. When he first appeared as leader, 300,000 Ogoni marched in a non-violent protest against the presence of the trans-national company, Shell Oil, the largest oil driller in Nigeria.

More protests and marches eventually culminated in Shell's withdrawal from Ogoniland, but the victory was costly to the Ogoni, and it would be brief.

Saro-Wiwa was detained often as the military began an offensive to crush Ogoni resistance. Villages were emptied at gunpoint, or attacked in the dead of night.

Finally, as the attacks increased in viciousness and regularity, Saro-Wiwa was arrested on charges of inciting the murder of four of his own people, the sons of prominent Ogoni leaders. The trial was condemned by all observers as merely a preface to an execution.

Black rain falls on their land

The oil discovery in Ogoniland in 1958 turned out to be the richest oil find in Nigeria. But despite the vast wealth that flowed into the coffers of multi-national corporations, the Ogoni people hardly received a cent.

Oil production in the Ogoni territory is controlled by Shell in a joint venture with the state-owned Nigerian National Petroleum. The venture has grossed almost $30 billion (US) since its inception. The Ogoni's only legacy from the massive extraction of oil has been a ruined ecosystem, destroyed cropland and a shattered traditional economy.

Greenpeace reports that between 1976 and 1991 there have been "almost 300 separate oil spills in the region, each averaging 700 barrels."

With their traditional lifestyle of fishing and farming destroyed by contamination, many Ogoni communities are forced "to import food from outside the region," according to Greenpeace.

Ogoni communities have also suffered from blatant neglect by the Nigerian government. Although the riches extracted from Ogoniland have kept the Nigerian economy afloat, the Ogoni "suffer from rampant poverty, and a lack of basic services," according to a report from the Goldman Environmental Institute.

A report from Human Rights Africa points out that the environmental devastation created by Shell is a product of the company's racist double-standard. For one pipeline in Britain, Shell conducted 17 environmental impact assessments. The report said the Ogoni have never seen a single impact report.

Throughout the history of the Nigerian federation, the Ogoni's only connection to the events in the country's capital has been the occasional presence of the military, and the constant presence of oil derricks.

When Saro-Wiwa assumed the leadership of Mosop in late 1992, he found an environment destroyed and a people politically marginalized in a country rapidly collapsing under the strains of foreign debt and political corruption.

From the start, the Ogoni's non-violent protests were met with violence from federal forces and government sympathizers. As the provocations against the Ogoni continued, Nigeria fell further into political malaise. A military coup in November of 1993 compounded Nigeria's political turmoil.

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Escalated terror

The ascent of the Sani Abacha dictatorship in 1993 escalated the level of violence against the Ogoni. Abacha appointed the brutal Lieutenant Colonel Paul Okuntino to oversee the suppression of Ogoni protests and the resumption of oil extraction, but Okuntino's cruel tactics were unable to silence the Ogoni protests. In desperation, the government tried to discredit the Ogoni leadership, particularly Saro-Wiwa.

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dictatorship accused him of the murder of the sons of four Ogoni leaders. The four men were hacked to death by assailants, and their car set alight as they returned from a political meeting.

Although Saro-Wiwa was not in Ogoniland at the time of the deaths, the military regime accused him of having the boys killed. Upon his return to Ogoniland, Saro-Wiwa was arrested for the murders.

The official statement from the Nigerian government, released from their embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, after Saro-Wiwa's execution read, "The only sins of the great four was that they disagreed with Ken Saro-Wiwa over tactics, and were to pay dearly with their own lives. The build-up to this tragic end was written, sealed and delivered by Ken Saro-Wiwa." The statement continued, "He produced the monster that eventually consumed him. The penalty has been duly imposed. And there is no apology to offer anyone."

There is considerable evidence that oil companies were the prime reason for the escalation of violence against the Ogoni throughout 1994.

As the year began, Shell reported that it had sustained large economic losses during the previous year, due to "unfavorable conditions in the areas of operations."

In May, 1994, a leaked memo from the Police Commissioner called on all branches of the military and police to "restore and maintain law and order in Ogoniland."

The reason for this was to ensure that "non-indigenous residents [can] carry out business ventures in the region ...and are not molested."

An even more sinister memo, in which Shell is directly mentioned, was written on the 15th of May. It explains that "Shell operations are still impossible unless ruthless military operations are undertaken for smooth economic activities to commence."

The document recommends the "wasting" of Ogoni leaders. It was signed by Lieutenant Colonel Okuntino, the mastermind of the village clearance campaigns in Ogoni territory.

Seven days later, four Ogoni sons were dead and Saro-Wiwa was arrested. Eighteen months later, he was killed.

A trial of many

Despite international outrage, the Nigerian military remains defiant. Commodore Victor Ombu said that Nigeria would "educate the leaders who were hoodwinked into taking their [critical] positions" about Saro-Wiwa's death.

Equally defiant is Shell, now poised to resume drilling in Ogoniland after a three-year absence. Incredibly, Shell announced a new investment in Nigeria just days after Saro-Wiwa was executed. They will build a $4-billion (US) liquefied-natural-gas plant in Nigeria, to be opened in 10 years.

Some foreign leaders are calling for an embargo on the resource at the centre of the situation: oil.

South African President Nelson Mandela, who pursued a strategy of "quiet diplomacy" towards Nigeria, greeted news of the execution with outrage. "To a hardened man like Abacha, he will not be moved unless some sanctions are applied," said Mandela.

The European Parliament has also called for an embargo, but has not forced its member states to comply.

Not every foreign leader is in favor of an immediate oil embargo. Canadian Prime Minster Jean Chrétien refused to declare a unilateral oil embargo, though during a Commonwealth leaders' conference, he issued a condemnation of the Nigerian military, and a call for limited economic actions.

Chrétien's stance was welcomed by most African nations. His call for any economic action is, however, particularly ironic after his administration's policy of condemning human rights abuses — as in China and Burma — but refusing to limit trade.

Before his death, Saro-Wiwa maintained that sanctions would be a forceful means of creating change within Nigeria.

"What is happening to the Ogoni is not only the fault of Nigeria and Shell," he said. "The international community has played a significant role [by continuing to buy Nigerian oil]."

Saro-Wiwa once said, "If the Americans did not buy the oil, the Nigerian nation would not have the wherewithal to continue their genocidal tendencies."

The life and death of Ken Saro-Wiwa is infused with this dynamic. In his final statement he made clear that he was not the only one on trial; the Nigerian nation and Shell Oil would be condemned at the end of the trial.

"Any nation which can do to the weak and disadvantaged what the Nigerian nation has done to the Ogoni loses a claim to independence and to freedom from outside influence," he said. "I call upon the Ogoni people to stand up now and fight fearlessly and peacefully for their rights. History is on their side."

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American journalists "expose" China

by Lucas Aykroyd

China Wakes
by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sherry WuDunn
Vintage Books
1995

If researchers know more about the moon than about Earth's oceans, then many Westerners know less about China than about either Earth or moon.

Asia's Communist giant is undergoing a remarkable upheaval. It wavers between the totalitarian crackdown of Tiananmen Square in 1989 and, ironically, a capitalistic boom in production that could see China's economy outstrip the United States by the year 2000.

Although the nation's great size and diversity make it a tough assignment to cover, *the New York Times'* husband-wife team of Nicholas D. Kristof and Sherry WuDunn have created an insightful portrait of modern China.

She [WuDunn] managed to go places and see things that would normally be off-limits to Western reporters.

China Wakes forces one to recognize that corruption now influences virtually all aspects of the country's daily affairs. Whether buying a train ticket in Beijing or seeking a new apartment in Shanghai, Chinese citizens are obliged to play by the "rules" of guanxi—a system of bribery for favours—or risk forfeiting their goal.

Kristof and WuDunn vividly document the outlandish forms corruption can take. For example, Hong Kong triads steal a Mercedes Benz every five hours in the British colony, and ride armored speedboats to deliver the cars to accomplices on the Chinese south coast. Within China itself, dishonest operations such as the fake veterinary medicine factory that managed to stay open from 1986 to 1992 are becoming increasingly common.

A major key to the authors' obtaining such detailed information was WuDunn's Chinese parentage. She managed to go places and see things that would normally be off-limits to Western reporters. Her return to her ancestral village as a well-to-do American journalist is fraught with personal revelation: "As I stood beside my second cousin in Shun Shui, I felt an abyss between us that cut deeper than our bloodline."

WuDunn's experiences in humble settings coexist with forays into the halls of power. In one case, she describes being groped by the Chinese Construction Minister while dancing at an elite social function.

The book scrutinizes the aging core of China's leadership, paying special attention to Deng Xiaoping. It credits Deng with "dramatically [accelerating] the pace of change in China" during the 1980s. But it also notes Deng's reduced input into state affairs in our decade, stating "his most significant formal title in the 1990's was honorary chairman of the China Bridge Association, a reflection of his favorite card game."

China Wakes effectively chronicles the achievements and blunders of Chinese politicians. At times, it returns to the era of Mao Zedong to contextualize today's events. The most shocking disclosure is of Party-sanctioned cannibalism in southern China during the Cultural Revolution of the 60s. Classified state documents mention 137 deaths resulting from this program.

While the state has directly caused many deaths over the years, Kristof and WuDunn also focus on the harmful by-products of the national population policy. With most families allowed only one child, the rate of female infanticide has soared because boys are preferred to girls. Often, "family planning authorities ...force young women to undergo abortions and sterilization." As one Chinese newspaper reports, "ultrasound was used in 2,316 cases in one county to determine the sex of a fetus, resulting in the abortion of 1,006 female fetuses."

The book is immensely readable. It supports dry statistics with enlightening anecdotes. The authors show a compelling affinity for their Chinese subjects.

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If *China Wakes* has a drawback, it's the overriding conviction of Kristof and WuDunn that America's way is right. Their notion of the ideal "civil society" that could emerge in China is essentially derived from the U.S. constitution. In the book's closing lines, the various phenomena they cite as offering hope for China's future are "satellite dishes," "cacophonous rock music," and "new private schools," all tied to the growing Chinese desire to "get rich."

Nonetheless, the writers have earned their reputation for painstaking research. The depth of analysis in *China Wakes* justifies setting aside philosophical reservations to learn about the Middle Kingdom's evolution in the dying years of the twentieth century.

Just keep in mind the authors' proviso: "China watching is the only profession that makes meteorology look accurate."❑

Saul identifies with Satan

by Adam Turner

The Unconscious Civilization
John Ralston Saul
Anansi Press
1995

Those who work with language "from the devil on, have been in the business of spreading knowledge."

John Ralston Saul clearly identifies with the devil in this task. Even with the prevalence of education, we are not really aware of the philosophical roots of our civilization and the language we use to describe it. Words such as "individual" and "democracy" mask competing interests and philosophies.

The book is a compilation of The Massey Lectures, co-sponsored by Massey College, University of Toronto, and CBC Radio. It was broadcast on CBC Radio in November 1995 as part of CBC's *Ideas* series.

The concept of the series is Corporatism, an idea that reappears from Saul's earlier bestseller, *Voltaire's Bastards*. Corporatism pervades our bureaucracy, management theory and academic specialization.

It is the pervasive sense that Reason alone can be applied to both the science of government and to our own self-understanding.

Saul attempts to rescue key ideas in western thought. The first is individualism. To do this, he severs the link between democracy and capitalism. Economics is the theoretical underpinning of capitalism with its view of people as consumers. His description of the dismal science is something every student who has suffered through introductory economics class can relate to: "If economists were doctors, they would today be mired in malpractice suits."

Saul returns to early sources of capitalism and individualism and uses them to undermine common conceptions of people as self-interested individuals. He also rejects the attribution of commerce to any moral value — especially freedom.

In his historical analysis , Saul attempts to divorce capitalism from democracy. It is unconvincing. More interesting is that he does not really distinguish between left and right wing, but between what he calls the humanist and corporatist. The humanist is the citizen, the free individual and the skeptic.

Saul attacks "fashions — nationalization, privatization, ...debt as the devil." Fashions can be distinguished from the "big ideologies" that have a "terrifying dignity" whereby with "the stroke of an intellectual argument the planet is put in its place."

Saul's work is peppered with a who's who of intellectual history. He navigates easily through multiple currents of this history — perhaps a bit too easily. His work has gained him academic disdain, unlike other prominent Canadian social thinkers such as Charles Taylor and Michael Ignatieff.

As he has shown in his earlier work, *The Doubter's companion: A Dictionary of Aggressive Common Sense*, Saul is at his best when he plays skeptic, throwing intellectual barbs at contemporary misconceptions, such as that Calvin Klein underwear advertisements are no more innovative in technique than Nazi propaganda — nor are modern political campaign events.

Saul warns "those of us who believe in Universities" not to hold back from criticizing them. For that would be a "false friendship."

Saul also offers this sobering thought: The two countries most devoted to producing an educated elite, England and the United States "have the most persistent and widespread social and economic problems."❑

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Holiday exhibition successful for b-ball Vikes

by Mike Chilton

Despite the absence of head coach Guy Vetrie, the Vikes men's basketball team took on all comers at the Wesmen Classic tournament at the U of Winnipeg from December 28-30.

Due to a last minute sick-leave by Vetrie, the Vikes were forced to go into the tournament with assistant coach Thom Gillespie at the reins for the eight-team men's exhibition.

The tournament included the Calgary Dinosaurs, the Saskatchewan Huskies from the CWUAA (Canada West), the Manitoba Bisons, the Regina Cougars, the host Winnipeg Wesmen from the GPAC (Prairies), the Toronto Varsity Blues, and the Brock Badgers from the OUAA (Ontario).

The sixth-ranked Vikes took on the eighth-ranked Bisons on the first day of competition and put them away handily with an 84-64 thrashing. Vikes guard Jeff Bevington led the game in scoring with 22 points and six rebounds, while Greg Meldrum added 20 points of his own.

In the championship semi-final match, the Vikes met up with the tenth-ranked U of T Blues and came back from a 42-39 first-half deficit to finish off with an impressive 75-68 win. Meldrum had what was close to a personal best game, as he tallied 29 points in the match and pulled down eight boards.

On the final day of competition, the Vikes came up against the host team, the Winnipeg Wesmen, who are unranked in the CIAU. The Wesmen turned out to be tournament underdogs by defeating the Regina Cougars on the first day and knocking off the competitive Brock Badgers in the semi-finals.

The Vikes beat the Wesmen easily 86-67 to take the championship. Meldrum netted 18 points to lead the way for the Vikes, which helped him secure tournament MVP honors. Bevington had 18 points in the win as well as 15 rebounds.

Forward Andy Wilmott came off the bench to score 15 points in the game, even though he is still recovering from a broken foot.

Meldrum and Bevington were the only Vikes to make it on to the tournament all-star team.

The Vikes women did not play in any tournaments over the holidays due to what Vikes coach Kathy Shields and UVic Athletics and Rec labeled a budget problem: the Vikes women's basketball team spent their allocated money attending a tournament at the University of Alberta in the pre-season.

As a result, the women stayed home and played host to the NAIA's Western Washington University on Wednesday, January 3.

The Vikes women won the match against the 11-5 squad from Bellingham 71-61. Vikes guard Lisa Koop led the game in scoring by tallying 20 points and seven assists, helping her snag Can West female athlete-of-the-week honors.

The men's and women's squads moved onto the second half of their CIAU seasons at the U of Calgary, where they played the Dinosaur teams Friday, January 5 and Saturday, January 6.

Vikes hoopsters experience highs and lows in competition against Dinosaurs

by Mike Chilton

While the women were flying high last weekend, the men seemed to have trouble maintaining the hang time.

In what were important games for the Vikes basketball program, the men's and women's basketball teams took on the University of Calgary Dinosaurs in a two game series January 5 and 6.

The Vikes women, who went in to the matches with a 5-1 Can West record, needed to do well against the 6-0 Dinos, as they are shaping up to be the main competition in the impending spring playoffs.

On Friday, iron-clad defence from Vikes Lily Grohovac and Lisa Bright held off Dinos MVP Megan Koch to the point of being a non-element in the 62-53 Vikes win. Vikes third-year guard Lisa Koop led the game in scoring with 27 points while the Dinos leading scorer was Denise Page with only 17 points.

In Saturday's game, the Vikes swept the Dinos defeating them 77-67 to take sole possession of first place in Canada West. Koop was once again best on the court as she led the CIAU's sixth-place Vikes in scoring with 30 points, including 12 from three-point-land. Defence was the key once again as the Vikes, led by Grohovac's nine boards, out rebounded the Dinos 38-20.

The Vikes men did not seem to be firing on all cylinders, as they were swept by the men's Dinos in their two weekend matches.

Friday's game saw the Dinos, who went into the weekend with a 3-3 Can West record, edge the 3-3 Vikes 83-80. The Vikes led 47-38 at halftime but turnovers were their undoing in the second half, as Calgary went on a 12-4 run with seven minutes left in the match.

Dinos guard Richard Bohne led the game in scoring with 26 points, while Greg Meldrum led Vikes scoring with 21 points and added eight boards.

Saturday's result was just as heartbreaking as the Vikes came up short again. The Dinos squeezed by with a 98-97 win thanks to a last-minute three-pointer by the Dinos' Bohne, and the Vikes' inability to hit on one of two shots with 17 seconds left.

Bohne led scoring once again with 27 while the Vikes top scorer was Meldrum with 25.

The Vikes men's and women's next action is Thursday, January 11 as they take on the T-Birds at UBC. The teams finish off a home-and-home in McKinnon Gym the following Saturday, when the women tip-off at 6:30 pm and the men tip-off at 8:15 pm.

The Saturday games are being promoted as "Blue and Gold Night," where people wearing the team colours qualify for prizes, so everybody raid your closets.

Upcoming week's sports staff

Field hockey
Vikes @ UBC Indoor Tourney Fri., Jan. 12-Sun., Jan. 15
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Vikes vs. UBC Sat., Jan. 13-6:30pm (w) 8:15pm (m)

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Calgary	8	5	3	753	759	10
Victoria	8	3	5	666	655	6
Lethbridge	8	3	5	654	710	6
Saskatchewan	8	1	7	679	774	2

BASKETBALL, Women

	GP	W	L	F	A	P
Victoria	8	7	1	556	473	14
Calgary	8	6	2	589	517	12
Alberta	8	5	3	562	504	10
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January 13

University Singers from the University of British Columbia with conductor James Fankhauser will be performing at the Church of St. John the Divine, 1611 Quadra St. @ 7:30 pm. Tickets $7 at the door. Concert program includes works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Anton Bruckner, Debussy, Beecroft and Dallapiccola.

January 16

Bike Engraving is being offered by Campus Security as a theft prevention program from 10 am to 2pm at the UVic Centre Breezeway. The owners need to bring their driver's license (if any) as that is the number used.

UVSS presents First Nations Issues Speakers Series from 12:30pm to 2pm with Drew Hayden Taylor, one of Canada's leading native playwrights, who will be speaking in Cinecenta.

January 18th

Chaplains' Circle Interfaith Explorations: meditate, celebrate or vegetate? Prayer, meditation and worship: Gateways to the Divine in HSD A254 at 12:30pm.

January 19th

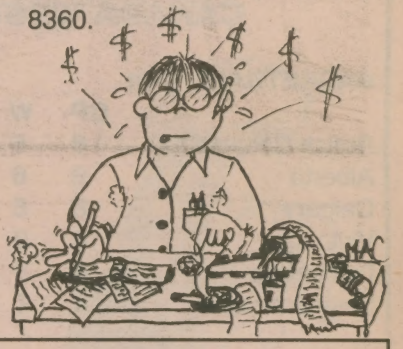
Ukrainian Dinner: enjoy a traditional Ukrainian meal featuring perogies, cabbage rolls and Ukrainian sausage from 5-8pm at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. Sponsored by St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Victoria.

Ongoing

The Grad Class Committee is now accepting proposals for funding for student and campus groups' projects and events. The deadline for submitting a request for funding is January 31 1996. Proposal forms are available for pick up and drop off in the Student Union Building Info Booth.

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of your peers and yourself? If so, join the **UVic Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project**, and help promote safe and healthy sexual relationships through education and activism. Open to women and men. Meetings on Wednesdays at 1:30 in SUB 137A or contact the Women's Centre @ 721-8353 for more exciting details.

Martlet job posting: Bookkeeper position, 7-10 hours per week. Duties include keeping financial accounts of the Martlet Publishing Society in order using Accpac Bedford. Previous accounting experience is an asset, especially with Accpac. Volunteer experience also important. Please submit résumé to SUB info booth by noon on Thursday, January 18. Please put "attention Martlet co-editors" on first page or envelope. Wage is work study equivalent. Contact Adrienne Mercer or Miko Ross 721-8360.



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Jan. 12 & 13	*The Usual Suspects*, 2:30 matinee, 7:00 & 9:15; *Strange Days*, 11:20 only
Jan. 14	*How to Make an American Quilt*, 7:00 & 9:15
Jan. 15	*Double Happiness*, 7:15 & 9:15
Jan. 16	*Bandit Queen*, 7:00 & 9:20
Jan. 17 & 18	*The Blue Kite*, 6:30 & 9:10

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1996

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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The Organizing Committee of CUP 58 would like to thank the following for giving money and free stuff:

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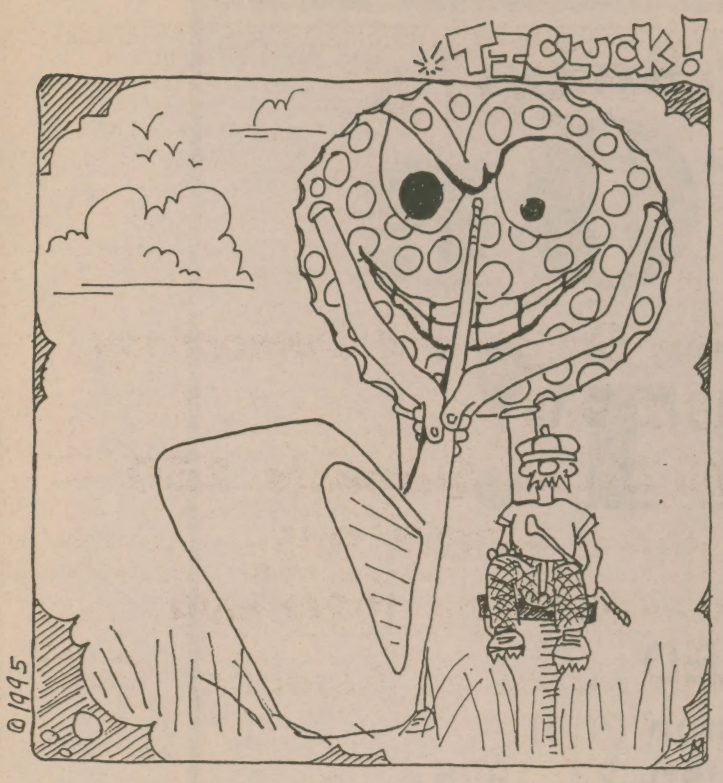
And we have to say, the staff at Dunsmuir Lodge rocked. Thanks for the great week.



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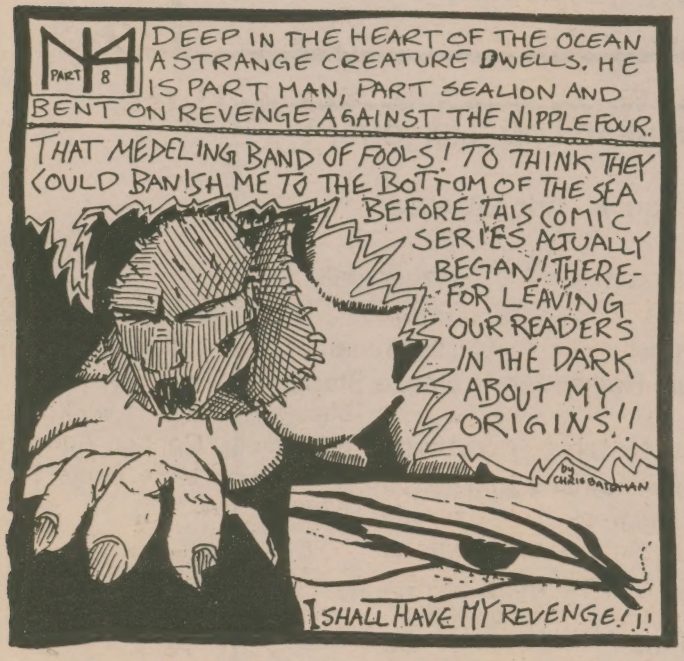
PART 8
DEEP IN THE HEART OF THE OCEAN A STRANGE CREATURE DWELLS. HE IS PART MAN, PART SEALION AND BENT ON REVENGE AGAINST THE NIPPLE FOUR.
THAT MEDELING BAND OF FOOLS! TO THINK THEY COULD BANISH ME TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA BEFORE THIS COMIC SERIES ACTUALLY BEGAN! THEREFOR LEAVING OUR READERS IN THE DARK ABOUT MY ORIGINS!!
BY CHRIS BATEMAN
I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE!!!

STUDENTS OF PARIS' REACTION TO CUTS TO SOCIAL SPENDING.

STUDENTS OF VICTORIA'S REACTION.

G-STAFF

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COMICS PAGE EDITOR: ANDREW MUSGRAVE

OK, HERE'S THE SAUSAGE. THIS IS THE FIRST ISSUE OF 1996 AND WE'RE OFF TO A SCARY START. WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE BRING IN ANY CARTOONS & COMIC STRIPS TO L-HUT AND WE'LL THROW THEM ONTO THIS PAGE.

STAFF CARTOONIST: MIKE CHILTON

EDITORIAL CARTOONIST: DAVID LOW

UPCOMING THEMES
FEBRUARY - QUEER ISSUE!
MARCH - WOMEN'S ISSUE!

PLEASE! HELP US!
CHILTON'S AN ALCOHOLIC! (NO, YOU SHOULD TALK!) MUSGRAVE'S MORE BORING THAN "NIXON"! BATEMAN TOOK OFF! WE NEED YOU! NO LOSERS, PLEASE. THANKS.

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Access Hours: Mon. - Fri. 7:30am - 11:00pm
Sat./Sun./Holidays - 10:00am - 8:30pm

FITNESS CLASSES

GHC THEATRE DANCE CENTRE
Effective Monday, January 8, 1996

Tues/Thurs	10:00am-11:00am	Get Up & Step
Mon-Fri	12:30pm-1:30pm	Step It Up
Mon-Fri	4:45pm-5:45pm	Step It Up
Tues/Thurs	6:00pm-7:00pm	Cardio Step
Mon/Wed	8:00pm-9:00pm	Step & Stretch
Monday	6:00pm-7:00pm	Step Circuit
Saturday	10:15am-11:15am	Step
Saturday	11:20am-12:30pm	New Steppers
Sunday	2:30pm-4:00pm	The Total Step
Sunday	11:20am-12:30pm	Step Circuit

*The class limit for all STEP classes in the Dance Studio at the GHC is 40; please arrive early to ensure your spot.
*The limit for all other classes is 55.

McK DANCE STUDIO
Effective: Monday, January 8, 1996

*Mon/Wed/Fri	11:30am-12:20pm	Free Mild
°Tues/Thurs	12:30pm-1:20pm	S/F Step
Tues/Thurs	4:50pm-5:50pm	Hi/Lo Combo
Mon/Wed	6:00pm-7:00pm	Intense Fitness
*Mon/Wed/Fri	4:50pm-5:50pm	S/F Step
Mon/Wed/Fri	3:30pm-4:30pm	PM Workout
Saturday	4:00pm-5:50pm	Intense Fitness

*Free to all students, staff, and faculty
°Free to all staff and faculty with valid Rec Plus membership. Students may attend using punch card or day pass if space is still available.

McKinnon Building Pool

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Monday-Friday

Lane Swim	11:30am-1:30pm
Family Swim	2:30pm-3:30pm
Recreational Swim	3:30pm-6:00pm**
Mon. & Wed.	
Recreational Swim	9:30pm-10:30pm
Sat./ Sun./Holidays	
Family Swim	1:00pm-2:00pm
Recreational Swim	2:00pm-4:00pm

Pool Hours: Friday, April 6 to Friday, April 26, 1996
Monday - Friday

Lane Swim	11:30am-1:30pm
Family Swim	3:30pm-4:30pm
Recreational Swim	4:30pm-6:00pm**
Recreational Swim	8:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday-Sunday	
Family Swim	1:00pm-2:00pm
Recreational Swim	2:00pm-4:00pm

**Shared Pool Time between 5:30pm and 6:00pm M, T, Th, Fri and between 5:00pm and 6:00pm Wed.

McKinnon Pool Fitness Classes

Aqua Fit Classes	Tues./Thurs.	4:35pm-5:30pm
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	Mon./Wed./Fri.	12:10pm-12:50pm

$3.75 per class or 20 classes for $40.00

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